

SPECIAL ATTACHMENT FOR THE AGENDA OF December 22, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: The Mayor

RECOMMENDED BY: The Director of Community Development

A brief synopsis and explanation of the following:

A Resolution authorizing the City's Authorized Official to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a substantial amendment for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds and further authorizing the City's Authorized Official to enter into necessary agreements under the CARES Act for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA) to acquire services as authorized herein, sign grant agreements and other documents as may be required, and to carry out other essential functions relating thereto.

Resolution X Ordinance Other

PUBLICATION REQUIRED: YES NO X

IF YES, NOTE **ALL** PUBLICATION INSTRUCTIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

Submitted by: The Mayor'
Recommended by: The Community Development Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States and the United States Congress, through Public Law 116-136, appropriated funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) has announced allocations of those funds to the City of Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, in response to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments Availability of Waivers of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Grant program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts caused by the COVID-19 dated March 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham requested waivers of certain regulatory requirements associated with the CPD grant programs and Citizen Participation Plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19 and to simplify the notification process to expedite the delivery of assistance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, as amended, the City of Birmingham, Alabama (the City) has developed a Proposed Substantial Amendment to its Program Year (PY) 2019 (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020) Action Plan One Year Use Of Funds for citizen comment for a period of at least five (5) days in this instance as a waiver was granted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development, taking into account public comment from citizens, local officials, and business owners, has developed a Proposed

CARES Act Allocation Budget to administer the CARES Act funds on behalf of the City of Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Substantial Amendment provides for \$5,386,865.53 of the CARES Act allocation to be utilized on projects that will prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham, Alabama that, pending the completion of all federal requirements, the City's Authorized Official shall be and hereby is authorized to submit said Substantial Amendment to HUD with the CARES Act Allocation Budget as outlined herein and shall be further authorized to execute all HUD required certifications or other forms or documents as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following CARES Act Allocation Budget and is hereby adopted and that the City's Authorized Official shall be, and hereby is, further authorized to negotiate and execute necessary CDBG Program, ESG Program, and HOPWA Program agreements, in a format prescribed by HUD as on file in the office of the City Clerk, with the non-profit organizations referenced herein and up to the dollar amounts indicated herein as contained in said CARES Act Allocation Budget and so as to acquire services as described from the referenced non-profit organizations.

**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO PY 2019 ACTION PLAN –
CARES ACT ALLOCATION BUDGET AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The City proposes the following substantial amendment to its PY 2019 Action Plan as described below:

CARES Act ALLOCATION BUDGET:

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| 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV): | \$2,620,010.66 |
| 2. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG-CV): | \$2,556,684.87 |
| 3. HOPWA Grant (HOPWA-CV): | \$210,170.00 |
| TOTAL | \$5,386,865.53 |

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG-CV):

Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama, Inc.: \$76,739

1820 7th Avenue North Suite 110
Birmingham, AL 35203

Fair housing outreach program to educate individuals and families who are experiencing housing discrimination.

Legal Services of Alabama, Inc.: \$500,000

1820 7th Avenue North, Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35203

The agency will, through its local office, assist low to moderate income citizens provide direct services to clients affected by the pandemic; which includes housing cases, foreclosures, eviction filing, domestic violence issues which can lead to homelessness, unemployment and SNAP benefits to avoid food insecurity and homelessness.

One Roof: \$50,700

1515 6th Avenue South 5th Floor
Birmingham, AL 35233

Increase collaboration and coordination of homelessness services; including working with law enforcement, business leaders, civic leaders and community advocates.

Pathways: \$30,000

409 Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd, North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Provide operating funds for the agency to assist with increase in homelessness services provided by agency.

The HUB CDC, Inc.: \$470,998

100 Derby Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35210

Provide rental assistance, utility assistance and food assistance. Program will also provide financial and health education through case management.

YWCA: \$145,880

309 North 23rd Street
Birmingham, AL 35203

Case management to assist with job retention, workforce development, rental assistance, child care and emergency shelter.

Birmingham Park and Recreation: **\$95,693.66**

400 Graymont Avenue West
Birmingham, AL 35204

Provide PPE for community centers located in low income areas.

Acquisition: **\$1,250,000,000**

Strategic acquisition of buildings that can be used to prepare, prevent and in response to COVID-19.

CDBG PROGRAM TOTAL: \$2,620,010.66

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG-CV):

Bridge Ministries, Inc.: **\$220,000**

1016 19th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35205

Rental assistance and case management to prevent individuals from experiencing homelessness.

Cooperative Downtown Ministries, Inc.: **\$415,600**

1501 3rd Avenue, North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Provide homelessness shelter, including on-site COVID testing. Case management to help individuals transition to housing.

One Roof: **\$75,000**

1515 6th Avenue South 5th Floor
Birmingham, AL 35233

Provide street outreach to manage the increase in homelessness as a result of COVID. Outreach workers assess needs of homeless individuals, prioritizing supportive services, with the goal of permanent housing.

YWCA-Family Violence Center: **\$46,084.87**

309 North 23rd Street
Birmingham, AL 35203

Provide shelter for victims of domestic relations in imminent danger and in need of shelter. Case management and legal services will be provided.

AIDS Alabama (Youth): \$1,000,000

3529 7th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35222

New construction transitional shelter facility for young adults experiencing homelessness.

CD – Public Restrooms Pilot Program: \$500,000

Provides permanent free standing public restroom/hygiene structures that can be strategic locations

CD – RRH/HP/Voucher Pilot Program: \$300,000

Provide rapid rehousing, homeless prevention and vouchers assistance directly to prevent homelessness and persons experiencing homelessness. Case management services will be provided.

ESG PROGRAM TOTAL: \$2,556,684.87

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA-CV):

AIDS Alabama, Inc.: \$210,170

3529 7th Avenue, South
Birmingham, AL 35222

AIDS Alabama, Inc. will serve as the City's sponsor of HOPWA Entitlement Funds per HUD's recommendation. HOPWA Activities are as follows:

Leasing/Vouchers: \$26,481.42

Rental Assistance/STRMU: \$70,617.12

Supportive Services: \$70,617.12

Operating Costs: \$8,827.14

Sponsor Administration (10%): \$21,017.00

Grantee Administration (6%): \$12,610.20

HOPWA PROGRAM TOTAL: \$210,170.00

GRAND TOTAL FOR CARES ACT ALLOCATION: \$5,386,865.53